Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 – 17 (canceled)

18. (previously presented) A system for automatically generating a report about a happening comprising:

a database comprised of logs, each log corresponding to a specific happening and being comprised of a plurality of events;

a statistics generator routine running on a general purpose computer receiving as input the plurality of events for a specific happening and outputting statistics regarding the specific happening;

a template database comprised of article templates, each article template having one or more conditions associated with it;

a template selector comprising

a comparison routine running on a general purpose computer receiving as input the one or more conditions associated with a first template under consideration and further receiving as input statistics regarding the specific happening, and outputting an indication whether the conditions associated with the first template are met by the statistics; and

a selector routine running on a general purpose computer, wherein the selector routine applies a weighting evaluation to each template having conditions met by the statistics and outputs a single selected template; and

an article creator routine receiving as input the selected template, wherein the selected template comprises a body of text containing function calls and wherein the functions calls call out for specific statistics, the article creator routine outputting a report

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comprising the body of the text with the specific statistics inserted in place of the function calls.

19. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the statistics comprise numerical calculations selected from the group consisting of final score and score differential, and non-numerical values selected from the group consisting of team and player names, and time stamp values.

20. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the selector routine selects the template in response to the number of conditions associated with it.

21. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the selector routine selects the template in response to the weighting evaluation applied to each template.

Claims 22-23 (canceled)

24. (original) The system of claim 18 wherein the log database and the template database comprise a single database.

25. (previously presented) The system of claim 18 wherein the routines are realized in a general purpose computer operating in response to pre-programmed instructions.

26. (canceled)

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27. (previously presented) A system for automatically generating a report about a happening comprising:

a database comprised of logs, each log corresponding to a specific happening and including a plurality of events;

a statistics generator coupled to the database, receiving as input the plurality of events for a specific happening and outputting statistics regarding the specific happening;

a template database comprised of article templates, each article template being a pre-written description of a model happening in which references to an actual happening can be input and having one or more conditions associated with it;

a template selector process comprising

a comparison routine receiving as input the one or more conditions associated with a first template under consideration and further receiving as input statistics regarding the specific happening, and outputting an indication whether the conditions associated with the first template are met by the statistics; and

a selector routine, wherein the selector routine applies a weighting evaluation to each template having conditions met by the statistics and outputs a single selected template; and

an article creator routine receiving as input the selected template, wherein the selected template comprises a body of text containing function calls and wherein the functions calls call out for specific statistics, the article creator routine outputting a report comprising the body of the text with the specific statistics inserted in place of the function calls.

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28. (currently amended) A <u>computer-based</u> method of generating a text-based description of a particular game of a sport, comprising:

    providing a plurality of article templates, each such article template being a text-based, narrative description of a generic game of said sport;

    defining at least one conditional requirement for each of said plurality of article templates;

    recording a plurality of events from said game, including a final score of said game;

    generating pre-selected statistics from the recorded events, said pre-selected statistics including a final score differential;

    comparing a first conditional requirement for a first article template to said final score differential;

    determining if said first conditional requirement is satisfied by said final score differential and if so selecting said first article template for publication and inserting at least one of said recorded events into an appropriate location in said article template to generate a game-specific, text-based, narrative description of said game.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein said first conditional requirement is satisfied if said final score differential exceeds a pre-defined limit.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein said plurality of article templates is specific to a first sport and further comprising providing a second plurality of article templates specific to a second sport.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein said at least one conditional

requirement has a weighting factor associated with it.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 28 wherein said article template is a Word word processing

document having fields contained therein for insertion of one or more of said events from said

game.

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